

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 5, 21 and 26 have been revised editorially. Claims 29 and 30 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3, 5-26 and 28 remain pending in the application.

Claims 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection of claims 29 and 30 is moot in view of the cancellation of those claims. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection for claims 29 and 30.

Claims 1, 3, 5-26 and 28-30 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 5, 21 and 26 have been revised editorially to address the Examiner's concerns. The rejection of claims 29 and 30 is moot in view of the cancellation of those claims. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

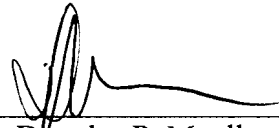
In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612) 455-3804.



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